

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

### **LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

**Please amend claim 1 as follows:**

1. (Currently Amended) A flame retardant polymer composition comprising
  - (A) an olefin homo- and/or copolymer in an amount of from 30 to 70 wt.-% of the total polymer composition,
  - (B) a silicone-group containing compound, and
  - (C) an inorganic filler in an amount of at least 10 wt% of the total polymer composition,

wherein component (C) has a particle size distribution so that at least 10 wt% of the total polymer composition are particles with a size of below 0.7 micrometers.

2. (Original) Composition according to claim 1 wherein component (C) has a particle size distribution so that at least 10 wt% of the total polymer composition are particles with a size of 0.65 micrometer or less.

**Please amend claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, as follows:**

3. (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein component (C) has a particle size distribution so that at least 10 wt% of the total polymer composition are particles with a size of below 0.5 micrometer.

4. (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the total amount of inorganic filler (C) is from 30 to 55 wt% of the total polymer composition.

5. (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein inorganic filler (C) is neither a hydroxide nor a hydrated compound.

6. (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~any of the preceding claims-claim 1~~ wherein inorganic filler (C) comprises a carbonate, oxide and/or sulphate of an element of groups 1 to 13 of the Periodic System of the Elements.

7. (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~any of the preceding claims-claim 1~~ wherein component (C) comprises an inorganic compound having particles with an aspect ratio of below 5.

8. (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~any of the preceding claims-claim 1~~ wherein polymer (A) comprises a polar olefin copolymer.

9. (Currently Amended) Composition according to claim 8 wherein polymer (A) comprises [an] a copolymer of an olefin with an acrylic comonomer.

10. (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~any of the preceding claims-claim 1~~ wherein silicone-group containing compound (B) is a silicone fluid and/or gum, and/or an olefin copolymer comprising a silicone-group containing comonomer.

11. (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~any of the preceding claims-claim 1~~ wherein the amount of silicone-groups in the total composition is from 1 to 20 % by weight of the total composition.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a~~ A composition according to ~~any of the preceding claims-claim 1 which is used in~~ a conduit, plug, wire or cable or for injection moulding, preferably in a wire or cable.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A-The composition of claim 1 which is formed into a wire or cable having a layer comprising a composition according to any of claims 1 to 11.~~

**Please insert the following new claims 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 into the application, as follows:**

14. (New) Composition according to claim 2 wherein component (C) has a particle size distribution so that at least 10 wt% of the total polymer composition are particles with a size of below 0.5 micrometer.

15. (New) Composition according to claim 2 wherein the total amount of inorganic filler (C) is from 30 to 55 wt% of the total polymer composition.

16. (New) Composition according to claim 2 wherein inorganic filler (C) is neither a hydroxide nor a hydrated compound.

17. (New) Composition according to claim 2 wherein inorganic filler (C) comprises a carbonate, oxide and/or sulphate of an element of groups 1 to 13 of the Periodic System of the Elements.

18. (New) Composition according to claim 2 wherein component (C) comprises an inorganic compound having particles with an aspect ratio of below 5.

19. (New) Composition according to claim 2 wherein polymer (A) comprises a polar olefin copolymer.

20. (New) Composition according to claim 2 wherein silicone-group containing compound (B) is a silicone fluid and/or gum, and/or an olefin copolymer comprising a silicone-group containing comonomer.